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In re Application of:

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BI-DIRECTIONAL MULTI-PROTOCOL
LABEL SWITCHING TRAFFIC
ENGINEERED TRUNKS

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Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace the section on page 1 beginning on line 5:

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/589,466, entitled "Techniques For Introducing In-Band Network Management Packets In Multi-Protocol Label Switching Networks" and originally filed the same day as the present application, is hereby incorporated by reference.

Please replace the section on page 8 beginning on line 23:

FIG. 5 is a flow diagram for the first preferred embodiment of the present invention for performing a loopback procedure at an LSR. FIG. 5 will be described using LSR 1 as a loopback